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NATIONAL CO OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether expansion of National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) is under consideration of the Government in order to provide a thrust to the co-operative sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of problems being faced by the co-operative sector and measures taken by the Government to tackle the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The National Co-operative Development Corporation Act 1962 has been amended through the NCDC (Amendment) Act, 2002 which came into effect from 16.9.2002. The amendment to the NCDC Act enables, diversification of the NCDC activities in the areas of livestock, fisheries, agro-forestry sericulture, horticulture and service sectors. Now, NCDC i s able to undertake direct financing to cooperative institutions against security without State/Central Government guarantee. Also, the NCDC can augment its resources by receiving gifts, donations, grants from Government or any other agency in India and abroad.

(c): The existing problems being faced by the cooperatives sector concerns the vital aspects of working of co-operatives like lack of democratic functioning, professional management, accountability to members, timely and professional audit, timely conduct of general body meetings and election etc. These are being proposed to be addressed through a constitutional amendment as per the Common Minimum Programme of the Government.